Reviewer's report

Title: Maternal Obesity Support Services: A qualitative study of the perspectives of women and health care providers

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1. Although this is a small study it adds useful information in a crucial area of research and has been done well

Major Compulsory Revisions
None

Minor Essential Revisions
2. Although specific demographics were not collected can the authors describe the general obstetric population in some more detail?
3. Were the midwives involved in all parts of pregnancy/birth/postpartum care or only antenatal care?

Discretionary Revisions
4. The sample is small and I wonder if expanding the study (ie more numbers and including overweight women) would make the results more generalisable and relevant to the readership. It is disappointing that despite the efforts of the research team, no obstetricians were able to be included. Maternal overweight (BMI 25-30) is also associated with significant risks for mother and infant and it would be interesting to see how these women responded in a similar study.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
'I declare that I have no competing interests'